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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend Ron Mehl, Beaverton Foursquare Church, Beaverton, OR, invited by Senator MARK HATFIELD.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Ron Mehl, offered the following prayer: Let us pray:

Dear Father, we come before You this morning to express the deep need we feel as a nation to be touched by Your mighty power and sustained by Your sovereign grace. We thank You for the gifted leaders You have placed in positions of authority in our land. We know that great leaders are first good followers, so teach us to hunger for wisdom from above, that we may know what is the right thing to do, and give us the courage to do it. Resurrect in us a deep hunger for revival, and awaken in us a passion for righteousness to rule and reign in our land. This day we pray for our leaders, their families and friends, and ask that You might reward them for their faithfulness, sacrifice, and service. Give us a revelation of Yourself. Open our eyes to the truth that the task You have called us to is greater than we are. Today we acknowledge our utter dependence upon You and the need we feel to seek Your counsel daily, for You are the fountainhead of all truth, the truth that truly makes us free. In Your holy and mighty name, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able senior Senator from Oregon, Senator HATFIELD, is recognized.

Mr. HATFIELD. Thank you, Mr. President.

WELCOME TO REV. DR. RON MEHL

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure today to introduce

to my colleagues Rev. Ron Mehl, pastor of Beaverton Foursquare Church. Over the past several years, I have joined the ranks of Reverend Mehl's admirers. Uncompromising leadership and commitment to God have enabled him to embody the Biblical mandate to "speak the truth in love."

Reverend Mehl pastors Oregon's Beaverton Foursquare Church. Twenty-three years under his gifted teaching have made this one of Oregon's healthiest and most dynamic churches. Thousands sit in the pews of Beaverton Foursquare weekly. There are three services on Sunday, perhaps going to a fourth because of the tremendous turnout that holds some 2,500 or 3,000 people in the church sanctuary.

When I am home, I count myself privileged to be one of many to hear Reverend Mehl's Biblical preaching.

A man dedicated to pursuing God's calling, he has served in many ways over the years. Besides being a gifted preacher and counselor, Reverend Mehl is a celebrated author of three books, one of which, "God Works the Night Shift," recently won the Evangelical Christian Publisher's Gold Medallion Award in the category of "inspirational."

The Reverend Billy Graham, whom we recently honored, once said, "The greatest form of praise to God is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless." Reverend Mehl has spent the majority of his life doing just that—reaching out with the message of Christ and encouraging others to do the same.

In I Peter, the apostle writes, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.—I Peter 4:10. Reverend Mehl is a faithful steward of the gifts he has received and is an able administrator of God's grace.

He has also been blessed by his wife Joyce and their two sons, Ron, Jr., and Mark. I had the pleasure of getting to

know Mark 3 years ago when he participated in my internship program. Mark's strong character shone through during his brief tenure in my office, a great tribute to his parents in their rearing.

Again, on behalf of my Senate colleagues we are privileged that Reverend Mehl is willing to fulfill the duties of Senate Chaplain today, and I would like to officially welcome him to this Chamber.

I yield the floor.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, the Senate will immediately resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, the concurrent budget resolution. There are 8.5 hours of debate time remaining on the resolution with that time equally divided. When all time has expired or is yielded back, Senators can expect a large number of consecutive rollcall votes on or in relation to amendments to the budget resolution. Those votes could begin as early as this afternoon, or, if necessary, be ordered to begin on Wednesday morning.

I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., in order to accommodate the weekly party conferences, and that the time during recess be deducted from the remaining debate limitation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, Senate leadership time is reserved.

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